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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for Period Ending 10 February 1984

1. On Tuesday, 7 February, John Stein, Deputy Director for Operations, will appear before a joint hearing held by Subcommittees of the House Post Office and Civil Service and Judiciary Committees. The subject of this closed session hearing is the effect of unauthorized disclosures of intelligence information on U.S. national security.

2. On Wednesday, 8 February, at 9:00 a.m. you are scheduled to appear before the Legislation Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to testify at a public hearing on our FOIA legislation. All other witnesses testifying on this legislation are scheduled to appear on the same day following you.

3. Our office worked closely with representatives of the Department of Justice and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) to ensure that Agency equities were fully protected from the recent efforts of Senators Metzenbaum (D., OH) and Bumpers (D., AK) to prohibit the recording of telephone conversations by federal officers and employees. An obvious response to the press accounts of the telephone recording practices of USIA Director Wick, the Metzenbaum Amendment sought to amend federal criminal law to prohibit similar practices. Because the Metzenbaum Amendment was an ill-conceived and hastily-executed legislative solution affecting a complex area of federal criminal law, the amendment generated bipartisan opposition and was voted down on Thursday, 2 February, by a vote of 41-51. As a safeguard, however, our office had provided the SSCI with substitute language that would have protected intelligence equities should the Amendment have succeeded.



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